

## GPCA General Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2008

Ralph Wright began the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m. Julia Lynton-Brown, Constituent Affairs Representative in Jim Smith's office was not able to make the meeting because of a conflict of scheduling. She would like to be invited again.

Introductions were made of all present at the meeting.

The minutes from last month's meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor of acceptance.

Marty Kelly read the treasurer's report. The balance in the general account as of April 14 was \$6439.04. The balance in the legal fund was \$3226.54. Claude Libis audited the financial records for the past year. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The vote was unanimous in favor of acceptance.

The community clean up on April 5th was a success. The coordinators, Carol Link, Marty Kelly and Betty Griffith are to be commended for a job well done. Dr. Ramsey recommended that a reminder notice be sent to residents to increase turnout for next year. A final sweep through the community to check for bags along the road was recommended for next year. Dale Fiedler was asked about the disposition of tires removed during the community cleanup. Carol Link will be contacted about it.

Articles to be placed in the newsletter should be forwarded to Brenda Logue by the 20th of the month.

There was a home invasion in the 8600 block of Dogwood Road. A police department representative will be invited to the next meeting to give guidance on handling sex offenders in the neighborhood.

A National Crime Victims' Rights Week is being observed on April 16, 2008 at Windsor Mill Middle School by the County Police Department Community Outreach Team

A meeting with Councilman Oliver's office was held on March 26, 2008. He needs to hear from all entities before a final decision is made on zoning. The GPCA response was mailed to the Planning Board. The GPCA response was also mailed to entities requesting zoning changes. The community's position is that it is opposed to all upzoning. ~~There was a Restrictive Covenant Discussion offered with Bethel Church and Christian Life Church representatives.~~ (Councilman Oliver offered to representatives of Bethel Church and Christian Life Church that a meeting with GPCA to discuss a Restrictive Covenant Agreement be conducted prior to final zoning decisions.)

Zoning questions posed at the meeting included:

What has Bethel done? Are they still trying to build a church? *We honestly don't know.*

When is the next public zoning meeting? *On June 26, 2008.*

March Funeral Home is planning to put another funeral home at King's Memorial Park. An article about this decision was printed in the Sunpapers.

GPCA has about eleven 'Say NO' signs left and want to get more on the lawns of community residents.

When the letters were sent to entities requesting zoning changes, was the covenant issue discussed? *No.*

There have just been a few zoning covenants made previously. One was Mangione for the Radio Towers. The land was put into conservation in return for permission to use the land for the Radio Towers. Kathy Skullney drafted the legal documents.

Who are the potential losers and winners from the community's acceptance of the covenants? *The community needs to be wary of this strategy. Both entities requesting a covenant are represented by the same attorney.*

What will happen to our roads as a result of all of the zoning changes? *72% of the change for land requests were in the GPCA area.*

A technological park is being proposed on Johnnycake Road. This area is in District One with Moxley. ~~Ralph~~ (Cathy Wolfson) is in meetings regarding this development.

The community is encouraged to offer support for Bruce Mezger's recovery.

Volunteers are needed for the Honor Our Troops program in the summer.

Lucinda and Loretta Mytych had a concern about traffic speeding on Granite Road.

Betty Griffith will get her mailbox moved by State Highway Administration state roads. Brenda Wright stated that their mailbox was damaged by a speeder.

Does the board have any events planned for the youth in the community to participate? They would make a good resource for volunteers. *GPCA has approached Woodlawn Middle School and Job Corps. A resource needs to be developed for youth to find odd jobs available that community residents need help with.*

A recommendation was made that there should be more women involved in the community cleanup. They would add another element to the effort.

Tentative programs for future meetings include:

- State Representative Delores Kelly
- Public Safety Representatives to discuss area crime, sexual offenders, traffic congestion, and preventative actions
- A representative from the State Tax Assessment's office

The next GPCA general meeting will be Monday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. The GPCA board meeting time was changed from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.